Principal’s Message

Thank you to the people who were able to join us for our ANZAC Service. We were honoured to be joined by Councillor Col Murray and Ruythe Duffy, Director of Public Schools NSW. Our students did an outstanding job of running the service and we are very proud! Thank you also to the Bendemeer CWA who provided us with a fabulous morning tea.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the families who backed up again on Saturday morning to represent our school at the Bendemeer ANZAC Day Service. I received a number of positive comments from members of the public about how well presented our students were. Well done!

I would like to formally introduce Mrs Kylie Lacey who begins this week as the relieving Principal. Mrs Lacey comes to us from Nemingha PS. Mrs Lacey has been on the ‘visible learning’ journey for the past 2 years. ‘Visible learning’ is the new direction our school will be taking, as outlined at P&C Meetings and in our 2015–2017 School Plan. The School Plan will be available on the school website from this Friday.

I would also like to introduce Miss Natascha Bayley. Miss Bayley has taken Mrs Miller’s position at our school. Miss Bayley is employed from Tuesday—Friday each week. Miss Bayley has a strong interest in creative arts and the students will benefit greatly from her expertise.

Over the holiday period our classrooms have been installed with reverse cycle air conditioners which have already proven to be fabulous! As a result, we will no longer be using the blue gas heaters.

This week I begin my relieving Deputy Principal’s position at Oxley Vale PS. This position is for term 2. I wish all students and families a wonderful and exciting term!

Kind regards,
Ms Rebecca Hancock.

Upcoming Events

TERM 2 WEEK 2 – 27 APRIL 2015

Thursday 7 May
9am Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 8 May
Small Schools Cross Country—Moonbi Public School

Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May
Years 3 and 5—NAPLAN

Thursday 18 June
Small Schools Combined Athletics Carnival—TRAC

Friday 19 June
The Gruffalo’s Child—Tamworth

Tuesday 23 June
Parent/Teacher Interviews 3:15 pm

P&C AGM

Tuesday 5 May
3:20 pm

Congratulations!
Neil Thurtell, Ezra Axon and Lachlan Chaffey.
Pictured below and to the right is returned serviceman Alfred Bill Owers. Billy served in World War II and is 99 years old. He spoke to the students on Friday morning about some of his experiences. Billy grew up in Bendemeer and has photos which were taken at the front of our school in his military uniform. Billy now lives in Coffs Harbour.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
Nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
And in the morning
We will remember them.
**Winter Uniform**

Beginning this week students MUST be wearing their WINTER uniform. This means long pants or skirts, stockings and a JUMPER. Students may wear green beanies.

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**Tennis**

Lessons will begin at Bendemeer Tennis Courts on Tuesday 28 April with Clare Cohen.

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**P & C Mother’s Day Stall**

Thursday 7 May 2015

*Students are able to purchase a gift for Mother’s Day.*

Nothing over $5 (limit of two gifts per child).